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ELECTRICITY ACT (CHAPTER 89A)

ELECTRICITY (CONTESTABLE CONSUMERS) REGULATIONS 2013

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In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 41(1) and 103(1) of the Electricity Act, the Energy Market Authority of Singapore, with the approval of Mr S Iswaran, Second Minister for Trade and Industry, charged with the responsibility for the portfolio of the Minister for Trade and Industry relating to regulation of energy utilities, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Electricity (Contestable Consumers) Regulations 2013 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2014.

Definitions

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

"master-meter" means a meter measuring the electricity consumed by all the units and common areas in a building or cluster of buildings which are used or occupied by multiple consumers; "unique identifier", in relation to a consumer, means the set of numeric or alphanumeric characters assigned by the Government or a public authority to the consumer by which the consumer may be uniquely identified in Singapore.

(2) For the purposes of these Regulations, premises are lawfully used or occupied by a consumer for any non-residential purpose under a unique identifier of his if the premises are lawfully used or occupied by the consumer —

- (a) under that unique identifier for a purpose that is not residential; or
- (b) for a purpose connected with that unique identifier, where the unique identifier is a unique entity number.

Classification as contestable consumer by application

3.—(1) Where a consumer wishes to be classified as a contestable consumer in respect of any premises (referred to in this regulation as the subject premises) lawfully used or occupied by him for any non-residential purpose under a unique identifier of his, the consumer shall apply to the market support services licensee for an account as a contestable consumer for the subject premises.

(2) An application referred to in paragraph (1) shall be in the form specified, and include any information requested, by the market support services licensee.

(3) Subject to regulation 5, upon receipt of an application referred to in paragraph (1), the market support services licensee shall, without undue delay, open an account for the consumer as a contestable consumer for the subject premises if -

(a) the consumer -

- (i) requires electricity to be supplied at high voltage to the subject premises;
- (ii) at any time during the period from 1st March 2013 to the date of the application (both dates inclusive), is or was a contestable consumer for any other premises lawfully used or occupied by the consumer for any non-residential purpose under the same unique identifier as applies to the subject premises; or